(d) what were the terms and conditions imposed by ADB while providing loan for the project;

(e) to what extent this loan will be utilised; and

(f) whether all the conditions made by the ADB have been fully met by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Major conditions of the loan are that the Government of India would pay the interest to the ADB at the rates fixed by the bank from time to time and also the commtment charges at the rate of 0.75 per cent per annum on the amount remaining undrawn. The loan is repayable in 20 years time starting from 1997.

(e) The entire loan would be utilised for the project.

(f) Yes, Sir

Construction of East Coast National Highway

2981. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total distance of East coast National Highway;

(b) out of which how much funds were allotted to it during the last three years and how much out of it has so far been spent; and

(c) by when this highway is expected to be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The East Coast Road measuring a length of about 773 km is presently forming a part of the State Road network. Its construction/development therefore rests with the respective State Governments, as the Central Government is primarily concerned with the roads declared as National Highways only. However, the road segment of Madras-Cuddalore forming part of the road in question having a length of 161 km has recently been taken up by the State Government under the A.D.B. (Asian Development Bank) loan assistance of Rs. 63.1 crore.

Four laning of G. T. road

2982. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that G.T. Road from Delhi to Wagha Border was to be fourlaned and this scheme which was started in 1979 has been delayed inordinately resulting in escalation of the cost project during the last 15 years;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to very high traffic and non-provision of four lane system so many accidents are daily taking place resulting in the loss of human life and property;

(c) whether it is a act that more than 25,000 people have died in these accidents;

(d) whether it is a fact that lot of corruption is going on in the construction of this road; and

(e) whether Government would institute a high level inquiry to know the reasons of this delay, lot of corruption and measures to complete this prject on warfooting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) G.T. Road from Delhi to Jallandhar is being widened to four lanes in phases. Delays have occurred in some sections due mainly to contractual complications and low out put by contractors. At present there is no proposal for four laning of Jalandhar-Wagha border section.

(b) and (c) Inadequate lane width and high traffic density are only two of the numerous reasons leading to accidents and it is not possible to identify the accidents categorywise.

(d) and (e) No instance of corruption has been reported and as such the question of institution of high level inquiry does not arise. The projects are monitored at highest level and remedial measures taken from time to time.

Developmental work on river Godavari in Andhra Pradesh

2983. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state by when the foundation stone will be laid for commissioning the developmental works on Godavari in Andhra Pradesh as river Godavari has been identified for declaration as National water ways and studies/ surveys are completed on the same during the year 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The requisite data from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh concerning the economic viability of the proposal to declare the Godavari river from Cherla to Rajahmundri (208 kms.) as National Waterway is awaited on receipt of the same from the State Govt. alongwith their concurrence, the matter will be processed for declaring the above stretch of Godavari as National Waterway.

Accident on National highway in Andhra Pradesh

2984. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of fatal accidents on the National Highways in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what monitoring is being done by Government to make the National Highways safer in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) National Highways-wise accidents statistics is not collected.

(b) The National Highways in A.P. are improved to better standards. The accidents mainly taken place not because of bad condition of Road, but because of rash and negligence driving.

Improving National Highways touching Hyderabad

2985. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to improve National Highways touching Hyderabad city;

(b) what steps are proposed to improve National Highways which link Hyderabad; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Proposals pertaining to Improvement works aggregating to Rs. 245.08 lakhs have been sanctioned so far during 1993-94 on National Highways No. 7 and 9 in Andhra Pradesh touching/linking Hyderabad city. Improvement on National Highways is a continuous process and sanctioning of further improvement works on these two National Highways would depend on inter-se priority and availability of funds.